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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPULSION FROM UK OF PHILIP AGEE AND

MARK HOSENBALL

REF: LONDON 7209 NOTAL

1. LAST NIGHT (MAY 3) IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THE HOME SECRETARY DEFENDED HIS DECISION TO DEPORT AGEE AND HOSENBALL ON SECURITY GROUNDS. NO NEW OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED; HOWEVER, THE HOME SECRETARY REITERATED THAT THE DECISION WAS HIS ALONE AND WAS TAKEN SOLELY IN BRITISH INTERESTS, AND NOT IN

CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVT OR AGENCIES OF THE US.

2. MR. REES DESCRIBED THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM TRYING TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE WAY TO TEST SECURITY INFORMATION WHICH PROTECTED SOURCES OF EVIDENCE AND GAVE THE PERSON AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FULL AN ACCOUNT OF THE ALLEGATION AGAINST HIM AS HE WOULD REGARD NECESSARY FOR REBUTTAL.

3. MR. REES REPORTED THAT MR. AGEE WOULD BE ADMITTED FOR THREE MONTHS TO HOLLAND AND THAT MR. AGEE HAD BEEN INFORMED ORALLY THAT HE WOULD BE ADMITTED TO SWEDEN. MR. HOSENBALL HAS YET GIVEN NO NOTIFICATION OF A THIRD

COUNTRY TO WHICH HE DESIRES TO BE DEPORTED.

- 4. FOLLOWING MR. REES' PRESENTATION THERE WAS SOME DEBATE ENDING WITH COMMONS VOTE OF 138 TO 34 SUPPORTING THE DECISION OF THE HOME SECRETARY.
- 5. HOME OFFICE AUTHORITIES HAVE THIS MORNING INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE MOVING WITH REASONABLE DESPATCH TO

CLOSE THIS CASE. PROCEDURALLY THE HOME OFFICE PLANS TO COMMUNICATE WITH BOTH AGEE AND HOSENBALL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY ARE VOLUNTARILY LEAVING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. IF THEY ARE NOT, HOME OFFICE WILL PROCEED WITH DEPORTATION ORDERS TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH THEY INDICATE WILL RECEIVE THEM AND TO WHICH THEY WISH TO GO. IN THE ABSENCE OF A DESIGNATED COUNTRY, THE ORDER WILL BE TO THE US.

6. DURING THIS DISCUSSION, EMBOFF REFERRED TO YESTERDAY' PRESS CONCERNING HOSENBALL'S FURTHER MARRIAGE PLANS AND THAT EMBASSY WAS PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE VISA CASE. HOME OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE CAUTIONED THAT WE SHOULD NOT OVERLY ANTICIPATE HOSENBALL'S RETURN TO US AND THAT HOME OFFICE HAD SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HOSENBALL MIGHT BE SHOPPING FOR A THIRD COUNTRY. HOME OFFICE REP WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON THIS POINT AT THIS TIME, BUT PROMISED ADDITIONAL INFO AS IT DEVELOPED.

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